

March 22, 1995

LB 377A
LR 16

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: If you're satisfied with that relationship, I would vote no. But I don't think you ought to be satisfied with that relationship, and to the extent of who is in Congress right now, some people are glad that there's a change in membership of Congress. But I will tell you right now that Legislatures and Congress will come and go with members but our relationships don't often change. The faces and the people do. The Conference of the States allows for a novel and new approach to have a dialogue and to officially communicate with Congress absent the axe of a constitutional convention that would be devastating. You don't want that axe, no one wants that, and we specifically put it in here that we're not going to do that. I would ask for your vote to approve this resolution, send our representatives, have them come back and tell us what went on and that ought to be their charge, and it will be. This is not a walk in the park. But I would urge you and I would ask for your support of this resolution to examine the way we deal with Congress, because if we don't, it will only get worse and nothing will change. This isn't a guarantee that change will occur, but I think it's our best chance. And, with that, Madam President, I would ask for the adoption of LR 16.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. There has been a request that this resolution require an affirmative vote of the majority of the elected members. The question before you is the adoption of LR 16. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote nay. There's been a request for a roll call vote. Senator Kristensen. There's been a request...you are still under call. Will all senators please check in. Mr. Clerk, please proceed.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See pages 1263-64 of the Legislative Journal.) 29 ayes, 7 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of the resolution.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: LR 16 is adopted. Items for the record.

CLERK: One item, Madam President, Senator McKenzie offers LB 377A. (Read for the first time by title. See pages 1264-65 of the Legislative Journal.)

That's all that I have, Madam President.